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NASHUA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL CRACK CHARGE

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Nashua Police Chief Timothy Hefferan announced today that Bobby Perez, age 35, formerly of Nashua, New Hampshire, has pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire to an indictment charging him with Possession of Cocaine Base ("crack") with the Intent to Distribute.

Chief Judge Steven McAuliffe ordered a sentencing hearing to be held on October 21, 2005. Perez faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment and a one million dollar fine.

The defendant was arrested in Nashua on September 22, 2004, for previous sales of cocaine and heroin. After the arrest, Nashua police detectives discovered eight bags of crack cocaine, ready for sale, hidden in the defendant's pants. The defendant has been in custody since his arrest.

In commenting on the guilty plea, United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "This office will continue to commit federal resources to aggressively prosecute crack dealers operating in Nashua and New Hampshire's other larger cities." U.S. Attorney Colantuono also expressed his gratitude to the Nashua Police Department, the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the New Hampshire State Police.

The case was investigated by the Nashua Police Department with the assistance of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan.